

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 14-18, 21-23, and 25 remain in the application with claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, and 25 having been amended hereby and claims 12, 13, 19, 20, 24, and 26-29 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the title of the application.

A new title has been proposed that is intended to be more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the disclosure as containing an informality.

The instance noted on page 4 has been corrected in the changes made to the specification hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to claims 1, 8, 10, 18, and 21-25, as containing informalities.

The instances noted by the examiner have been corrected in the amendments made to the claims hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Kleinberg in view of official notice.

Claim 13 has been indicated as including allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 11 has been amended hereby to include claims 12 and 13 in their entirety, thereby incorporating the allowable subject matter of claim 13 and intervening claim 12. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled.

Claims 15, 16, 17, and 18 all depend directly or indirectly from claim 11, which now includes the allowable subject matter of claim 13.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11, 12, and 15-18 are patentably distinct over the cited references by the reason of the inclusion therein of the allowable subject matter.

The cancellation of claims 19 and 20 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 103.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 21-23 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Kleinberg in view of official notice.

Claim 24 is indicated as containing allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 21 has been amended hereby to include claim 24 in its entirety. Claim 24 has been cancelled.

Therefore, by reason of the inclusion of the allowable subject matter of claim 24 in claim 21, it is respectfully submitted that claims 21-23 are patentably distinct over the cited references.

The cancellation of claims 26-29 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 103.

Notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 1-7 and the indication that claim 8 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the informality objection. In addition, it is noted that claim 9 depends from allowed claim 1 and, thus, is also in condition for allowance.

Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby to include allowable subject matter and the cancellation of certain rejected claims, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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